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Letters to Editor

March 23, 1946
Editor, Torrance Herald
The Torrance Junior Woman's Club wishes to express its deepest appreciation for your cooperation and kind assistance in conducting the Miss Torrance contest and for the publicity given our recent Spring Fashion Show. Both events were at Y. W.C.A. benefit and you have made it possible for us to raise over three thousand dollars for this fund. Your loyal support is most gratifying.

Lois Jayne Allen
Corresponding Secretary
Torrance Junior Woman's Club

March 21, 1946
Editor Torrance Herald:
I would like to express my appreciation to your newspaper.

During the 16 months that I have spent in the Army here at Fort Riley, Kansas, the Torrance Herald has kept me informed of the doings of a grand little city called Torrance.

I would also like to commend you on your treatment of the Hillman Lee affair. It was inspiring to see how the people of Torrance rallied to put a stop to that sort of practice.

Continued good luck
Sgt. Dick Miller
Fort Riley, Kansas

Los Angeles, Calif.,
March 20, 1946

Editor Torrance Herald:
March 15 has come and gone, and in its wake we have the task of processing better than a million and a half tax returns. It is highly probable that this is a greater total than will be handled by any other collection district in the United States this year.

The best commentary I can make on the filing period which runs, as you know, from January 1 to March 15 is that it was uneventful. That it was so is largely due to the cooperation offered this office by the Press of Southern California.

Such space as you gave to our tributes, ministrations, smoothness and dispatch with which we were able to take care of this huge number of tax returns.

May I express to the editors of the HERALD the appreciation of my entire staff and my own personal gratitude for your helpfulness.

Harry C. Westover, Collector
Internal Revenue Service
Treasury Department

San Francisco, March 19, 1946

This is an appeal to you for help in informing the people of your community of the importance of observing the law of the State of California regarding the preservation of our native plants, shrubs and trees.

Section 284-A of the Penal Code states that its unlawful to cut, mutilate, remove or destroy native plants, shrubs or trees, etc., growing along public highways or on privately owned land without written permit from the owner.

This law is enforceable by any peace officer and violation of it is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200 or imprisonment for six months, or both.

California's wild flowers are world famous. They are being destroyed and some face extinction because of the vandalism of our people, consciously or unconsciously.

We ask your help in bringing the substance of this law and the penalty for its violation before the public with an appeal for its strict observance.

Help keep the highways and by-ways of the state as beautiful as Nature made them. Help prevent the unlawful destruction or removal of our wild flowers.

Mrs. Walter G. Brendel, Pres.
1188 Stanyan st., S. F. 17
Mrs. Walter C. Hardman
Conservation Chairman
Mrs. Walter R. Lovegrove
California Native Flora
Chairman

CITIZENS YOUTH PLAN FOR DEALING WITH JUVENILE CRIME ORGANIZED IN CITY

Juvenile delinquency can be reduced in any city from 50 to 80 per cent, and the time has come "to stop the talk about it and do something," Cecil L. Whitehead, originator and director of the Altadena Youth Plan, told members of the combined Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs meeting Thursday night in the Woman's clubhouse.

Invited to Torrance by the service clubs to explain the organization which he describes as a "simple, practical and economical plan to overcome juvenile delinquency," Whitehead's talk resulted in the decision to form a Torrance Council for Youth, with three representatives participating from each service club, a doctor and a lawyer, a newspaper man, a child psychologist, a police officer, two representative leaders among teenagers, a school representative or probation officer, and a representative from any minority group in the community, in Torrance the Pueblo area.

"Speeches and money do not solve the child delinquency problem," Whitehead declared.

Bluntly declaring that where a criminal is just like ordering a tubercular to talk walks in snow storms.

Under the plan of operation of the Youth Council as Whitehead proposes it, the child in difficulty with the law goes with his parents, at the suggestion of the police, before the youth court composed of the representative citizens of the community. No names are used, no identification is made, and a set of routine questions is asked. As the examination proceeds, first with the child and then with the

parents, both parents and youth start examining their own patterns and think of their own failure, in most cases the failure of the parents to the child.

"Because parents do not want to face this group of citizens Mama and Papa get on the job," he said.

In delving into the problem, whatever it may be, the answer to two simple questions is obtained: Why did he do it? How can we prevent it?

Whitehead said that in operation of the plan in other California cities it has found that youths commit offenses against the law for four principal reasons: 1. To save face, because of some condition or situation in the home; 2. Because he is ashamed of something; 3. Because he has been given everything he wants and thinks he can have everything he wants; 4. To prove that he "is a man among men."

Whitehead declared that in El Monte, where the Lions club sponsors the plan, juvenile crimes have been reduced from six a week to two a month. In Ontario, the Kiwanis club operates the plan and the problem there has been reduced from 500 cases in a period of 10 months to 125 cases in an equal period.

He said that 90 per cent of the juvenile delinquents can be helped with the plan. The other 10 per cent are mental cases, he declared.

He sharply criticized Preston school for boys, declaring that under the systems used there in dealing with the boys, one-third of them would rather live in the dungeon than in the so-called honor barracks.

Whitehead said: "One delinquent in a community will justify a council. If the youngster will benefit from having a citizen advisor—a person whom he will trust and respect—the appointment is made. This advisor is under the direction and supervision of the police, so long as they have jurisdiction of the case. The Council can only make suggestions. If the youth is sent to court, and is put on probation, or sent to reform school and later put on parole (provided the judge does not object) the advisor continues his job of attempting to help the youngster. However, the citizen advisor agrees in advance to follow the dictates of the legal authority which may control the case at the time.

"The Council is not a juvenile court and it should not by its acts or representations give the impression that it is serving as a court.

The joint meeting of the three service clubs, the first one ever held since Lions organization more than a year ago, was attended by nearly 100 local business and professional men.

William Stanger, acting president of Rotary, presided over the affair and introduced Harry B. Lewis, president of Lions, who conducted a short session with his members. Stanger then introduced Chief of Police John H. Stroh, president of Kiwanis, who handled his club's business and then called upon City Attorney J. E. McCall to introduce the speaker.

A fund was provided by the members present to start the finances of the new Citizens' Youth Council.

Lions Club Gives Ping Pong Table To Pueblo Group

The social hall of the Pueblo district, adjoining St. Joseph's church, is being equipped with a ping-pong table for use of the youths of the community, as a result of action of the Torrance Lions club.

The club will present the table and equipment to Rev. Cyril Wood, pastor of the church, tomorrow.

At the meeting of the Lions club in the Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, three new members were installed. They are Henry W. Bay, painting contractor; Claude L. Parrish, accountant with Grubb and Tweedy, and Don Carper, of the Music Center. Merlin R. Cook, municipal bus department shop superintendent, was approved for membership and installation on a later date.

Dr. W. R. Ingalls Named Chief Of Health Dentistry

Appointment of Dr. Wayne R. Ingalls as chief of the division of public health dentistry for the Los Angeles county health department has been announced by Dr. H. O. Swartout, County health officer.

Dr. Ingalls, who graduated from the University of Southern California school of dentistry, has been a public health dentist with the county health department for the past six years. His headquarters have been in the Torrance health district, but he has assignments as public health dentist in Compton, San Antonio, Santa Monica, and Inglewood health districts.

The new chiefs is also chairman of the Health Associates, the Los Angeles county health department employees' organization. He is a member of the American Society of Dentistry for Children, the American Dental Society and the Los Angeles County Dental Society.

Dr. and Mrs. Ingalls reside at 1876 W. 22nd st., Los Angeles.

Phoebe Sykes Is Matron-Elect Of Amaranth Order

Mrs. Phoebe Sykes was elected Royal Matron and her son, William Sykes, both of Torrance, Royal Patron of Lomita Court No. 61, Order of Amaranth at the Monday night lodge meeting.

Other elective officers are Marie Austren, associate matron; Thagard Buehloch, associate patron; Anna Long, conductress; Sally Weber, associate conductress; Esther Colbert, secretary; Myrtle Beebe, treasurer; Birda Paddock, trustee for two years and Jewel Frederik, trustee for three years.

Installation will be held at the Masonic Temple, Torrance, April 13.

Several members of Lomita Court attended the Constitution of Signet Court, Wilshire and La Brea ave., Los Angeles recently.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO R. G. COLBURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Colburn, of 1820 Andree ave., are the parents of a daughter, Judith Ann, born March 21 at Methodist Hospital, Los Angeles.

The baby's grandparents are Mrs. Ansley Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Colburn, all of this city.

\$20,000 Hangar To Be Built On New Airport

Community Airports, Inc., 4100 Redondo Beach Blvd., swelled the city's building total, taking out a permit for an aircraft hangar costing \$20,000. This permit boosted the total value of new building during the past week to \$70,265, according to Building Department records.

Other permits issued include a greenhouse to be constructed by the San Lorenzo Nursery at 18400 Crenshaw Blvd., at a cost of \$12,000.

G. A. Bauman, 4024 Pacific Coast highway, addition to restaurant, \$5,000.

Wright's Greenhouse, 1803 W. 190th st., greenhouse, \$2,500.

Torrance Metal Co., 1030 Engracia ave., foundry warehouse, \$6,390.

Jack Oreskovich, 1622 Beech ave., addition to residence, \$500.

Redlich and Covington, 4360 W. 182nd st., moved-in real estate office, \$1,000.

Harvel Guttenfelder, 1437 Marcelina ave., repair to brick store building, \$4,000.

Ruby I. Carter, 618 Amapola ave., addition to residence, \$100.

B. F. Mahaley, 1324 Date ave., moved-in residence, \$3,500.

Don M. Richmond, 24224 Neece ave., private garage, \$400.

Burl L. Neill, 1903 Abalone ave., moved-in office building, \$100.

C. N. Emmet, 1310 Sartori ave., concrete block store building, \$8,500.

J. H. Savage, 22244 Ocean ave., 5-room cement brick residence, \$6,000.

J. H. Savage, 24244 Ocean ave., Beach Blvd., sign, \$150.

J. J. Vlodav, 616 Sartori ave., addition to garage, \$125.

ART EXHIBIT AT PALOS VERDES
Palos Verdes Community Arts Association announces an exhibition of oil paintings by Tolles Williamson, in Palos Verdes library and Art Gallery, through April 20. Interested persons are invited.

Two Inter-Church Rallies Scheduled For Fri., Mon.

Two inter-church rallies are scheduled in the plans of the Survey-Enlistment Mission of the Protestant Churches of Torrance. The first is for all church and church school workers, and will be held Friday evening, March 29, at 7:30 in Central Evangelical Community Church. The second, which will be held in the same church the following Monday at 7:30 p.m., is for all the members of the participating churches. Dr. Harry C. Munro, director of the National Christian Teaching Mission, will address both rallies.

Workers of the various churches are in readiness to take a religious census of the community on Sunday afternoon. During the following week each church will organize and instruct its visitors for a visitation campaign designed to incorporate those persons who are not presently related to any of the churches of this community, into the local churches of their choice.

During this period a number of conferences will be held for local ministers and ministerial guests from other cities, under the direction of the visiting leaders of the International Council of Religious Education and of the Southern California Council.

P.T.A. LEADERS AT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. John R. Garner, president Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council and Mrs. J. J. Millard, 10th District program service chairman, attended a 10th District executive board meeting held yesterday morning in Los Angeles. Completion of plans for the forthcoming State convention occupied the group.

IN PORTLAND, ORE
Mrs. H. Wesley Roloff left recently for Portland, Ore., where she is visiting her mother, Mrs. Della Anderson, convalescing from a major operation. Mrs. Roloff is accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roloff, who live in the same city.

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